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EDITORIAL

Reading the whole story

What will your great grandchildren learn when they look back 30 or 40 years from now. What will they learn about themselves. Will they learn that they are somebody or will they see themselves as those people who just couldn't get it together. As members of the black press, we feel the responsibility to tell the whole story of the failures and successes, the dreams, the accomplishments, the issues and struggles of black people.

As you have noticed, City News is running a series of articles on the Black Press. This is Black Press month where we celebrate the institution that for 170 years has fought and struggled, achieved and failed, dismayed and hoped right along with the people for whom it speaks-black people.

As we look in amazement at the stir over a black man playing Jesus in a play, we clearly see why the black press is important. Why? Most people know that the story and life of Christ took place in Africa and Asia for many years. Christ as portrayed as a native to the United States did not perform this work. Unfortunately, many believe the Hollywood version with blue eyes and blond hair which proves if you tell a story long enough and broadly enough, it takes on a "truth" of its own.

In that very same vein, if black people see themselves as criminals, shiftless and always helpless and controlled by their environment, it takes on a perception of truth.

For 170 years, the black press has mediated the extreme picture that the general media has attempted to paint both blatantly and subtly.

Take the time this month to not only read our copy of City News and our black media but also for your friend's and relatives. Every reader, no matter what ethnic group, can possibly discover another aspect of the black community, if or she did not know. In our global society, understanding black people through the black press can lend itself to less apprehension about our differences and a better appreciation of our common goals.

Putting prisons first

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Two recent studies contribute important data to support the contention that the criminal justice system is both out of control, and targeted against young, black men.

The first research report, conducted by Michael Sparer, director of the Justice and Antitrust Division of the Justice Dept., and summarized in the Feb. 24, 1997 Washington Post, analyzed government budget expenditures at the state and national level. In the words of Sparer, director of the policy institute, their research demonstrated that "...in the funding battle between prisons and universities, prisons are consistently coming out on top." Prison construction is outstripping college construction.

The second study, conducted by the Sentencing Project, shows that 1 out of every 7 black men could not vote in 1990. (We have often cited earlier Sentencing Project studies concerning drug sentencing disparities and the large number of African Americans mired trapping within the criminal justice system.) In the New York Times, Barbara Wright, of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, put her finger on this tragic situation: "Voting is what makes you a citizen. It's tragic to contemplate the creation of an entire class of nativeborn non-citizens."

Here is the horrific facts from these studies:

* (JPI)—Justice Policy Institute; SP—Sentencing Project

* (JPI)—State spending on prisons went up by 30%, while higher education spending decreased 18%, between 1987 and 1995.

* (JPI)—In 1995, state spending on prison construction went up \$926 million, higher education building monies went down by almost the same amount.

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*(JPI)—Justice Department figures show that the number of adults in prison increased more than 3 times in 1980 and 1994, going from 320,000 to 992,000.

*(JPI)—Both California and Florida saw their rates of imprisonment increase from 1980 to 1994, and both only 1 new prison was built.

*(SP)—In 1994, there were 7,66 African Americans in prison for every white in jail, a significant increase from an already high 1988 ratio of 6.8 to 1.

*(SP)—Despite being only 12% of the population, African Americans make up 41 (over half) of the 1.1 million in jail.

The high rate of incarceration for Black males undoubtedly contribute to the findings of another recent study, this one by the College Fund (formerly the United Negro College Fund), which concluded that Black women are two times receiving college degrees at two times the rate of Black men. As report coordinator Michael Nelson noted in the Washington Post, these new "...statistics are real cause for celebration for Black women, but they are also cause for concern, however, especially when contrasted with the imprisonment figures given above, these statistics are cause for special concern. In Reverend Jackson's phrase, those enrolled in jail will not be attending Yale."

The reasons for the prohibition against double jeopardy, a founding

The deadly aims of white supremacy rise again

By Carolyn L. Bennett

History cannot be unived, despite its wrenching pain. But if faced with courage, it need not be lived again.

That paraphrase from Maya Angelou's writing reminds me of Rosewood. And irony.

Rosewood is reddish, black-centered earthy wood from trees rich like Indian mixed, black American blood of my native South.

Rosewood was a Negro town destroyed by white frothing mobs just after a war in which Europeans decorated Negro soldiers and white Americans denied and lynched them.

"Rosewood" is a Warner Brothers motion picture that opened in film theaters around the country as Black History month ended. It is a must-see film based on a true story of the deadly aims and of white supremacy. Every American of every race and creed must see this film and learn it. It conveys the hope that America does have to pass this way again. For even as we speak, the deadly aims of white supremacy rise again.

The grandson of the real-life architect and midwife of massacred Rosewood, portrayed by Esther Rolle, told the press why this film has special

"Rosewood"

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importance for Americans today.

"The story of Rosewood is not past history," Arrest Doctor said. It is a story that continues in today's headlines: "The church burnings and killings and abuse are Rosewood's legacy," he said.

The film begins and ends with unavoidable violence and sets the audience's emotional compass for a lifetime of it. A white male's relief comes only with the introduction of a character not believed to be part of the true story: a fictional hero, Man (Ving Rhames), and a brief tenderness between this decorated veteran and a school teacher named Scrapple (Elise Neal). The audience senses romance and an expectation that if only they survive the swamp and the race war created by white supremacy, Man and Scrapple might become lifelong sweethearts.

Some experts have criticized the creation of the hero, who, they argue, was not part of the original horror story. Others have complained of injured egos wanting more positive depictions and a nod to social progress in the South since the Rosewood massacre of 1923. Others have shown share and guilt about the film's depictions of lynching and sex/violence-crazed

white men and male mobs.

But, unfortunately, all of these things happened, and they happened even before Rosewood. Yet they have been consistently denied, and lied about, in the history books.

So it seems fair to me for the filmmakers to make a composite of horrors never brought to the general public. It seems to me that some伸展 and extended from slave days into through the lynching era assault that increased after Reconstruction, heightened in the 1920s, expanded sporadically through the 1950s (Remember Emmett Till?), and continues happening today in a variety of forms.

Susan Smith and other white women's accusations against black men are the same spark that caused the Rosewood massacre. And the white male mob violence of Rosewood (Florida) is police departments' brutal beatings and questionable incarcerations of black men from New York to California, from Pennsylvania to Florida.

This film blows the top off more than half a century of public denial. And it hits hard.

It hit me hard, and I thought I knew the story. But I wept for old wrongs and new ones, and for my own limitations. When the final scene closed, I

stayed to the end of John Williams' mournful refrain. And for days after, I felt like crying again.

It is important to see this film in the community of theater, not home video. Something important is shared in the theater of this film, even if you alone.

In the urban suburban theater, I went to, the audience was mixed. But mostly black. Some alone, as I was. Two white women in their 30s sat near me in one, another about the same age sat alone on the other. There were black men with sons and black couples at middle age and above. And there were strutting young black women.

I believe all of us welcomed the fictionalized hero with grateful relief. Some applauded his two-gun salute to white supremacy. But soon after, we were wrenching again—for what seemed like the last time, for the final time.

Rosewood is filled with courage, cowardice and ambivalence. There is no redemption. There are no winners.

But it leaves a warm-bone sense of mourning, a prayer that violence will stop soon, and a hope that we may never pass this way again.

Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D., your correspondent from Washington

This Way for Black Empowerment

by Dr. Lenora Fulani.

We must not allow politics to undermine our Constitution

A federal court in Brooklyn, New York last week convicted Lemire Nelson, 29, of the 1992 kidnapping and sexual assault of a Jewish-American student, Yankel Rosenbaum, during the unrest in Crown Heights several years ago. The conviction raises concerns for all Americans about the durability of our fundamental rights.

Nelson's cruel fate serves as a warning to all those who are tempted to twist the words of the Constitution, thereby distorting its meaning and intent to accomplish particular political ends.

Nelson was tried in federal court after a state trial, which found him guilty of kidnapping and sexually assaulting Rosenbaum. The federal prosecutor charged him with the same act of which he had been acquitted, stabbing Rosenbaum with a knife. This is despite the fact that the Fifth Amendment to our Constitution, part of the Bill of Rights, states: "nor shall any person be subject to double jeopardy after his trial for the same offense to twice put in jeopardy..."

The reasons for the prohibition against double jeopardy, a founding

ALONG THE COLORLINE

By Dr. Manning Marable

The American working class today is divided largely into two groups: a middle class of professionals, managers, and technicians, and a second tier which can be described as the "working poor." These are full-time workers or people actively seeking work who nevertheless are trapped near poverty. It is this group, more than almost any other, that is most seriously threatened by last year's reactionary welfare legislation. It is this group of struggling, working families that is targeted for virtual destruction by the Republicans' "Contract With America."

These working poor remain largely hidden in this country, obscured from the light of honest analysis by racist stereotypes about poverty and work.

In truth, the majority of American workers who earn more than the minimum wage, but less than \$30,000 a year, are neither black nor Latino, but white.

Most poor children live in working families—in fact, less than one-third live in families depending solely on public aid.

We are often told that "workfare" is a cure-all for poverty through which people who are on public assistance can be trained to be competitive for jobs. But has this program actually worked? In New York City, in the first 18 months of the welfare program, 166,000 people were pushed off welfare rolls. About one half were deemed not eligible to participate in the workforce program, which is formally called the Work Experience Program, or WEP. Of that number, however, only 11,700 were reported to find real jobs after participating in WEP. And of that number, barely two or three hundred actually received any kind of job-specific training or skills. In short, WEP was not only designed to fail: it is being used to

(The first jury was drawn only from Brooklyn, when the crime took place.)

How did this happen? Enormous political pressure was brought to bear by Brooklyn's Hasidic Jewish community and others, including District Attorney Charles Hynes, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and former Governor Mario Cuomo, all of whom needed Jewish voters to win election. But what about the Constitution? How did federal prosecutors get around the double jeopardy protections of the Fifth Amendment? They relied on a series of decisions by the Supreme Court that declared the federal and state governments to be distinct sovereigns and limited the double jeopardy clause to successive prosecutions by the same sovereign. Ironically, the "dual sovereignty" doctrine came into being in the 1960s in response to the arguments of civil rights activists pushing for federal intervention after white racists were acquitted of violence against African Americans by biased state courts in the South and elsewhere.

The other troubling aspect of the second Nelson prosecution is the crime for which he was prosecuted: violation of the civil rights of Yankel Rosenbaum. What was that "civil right"? According to the government, it was the right to walk on a public sidewalk free from violent attack. Here again law was sacrificed to political expediency. The federal statute under which Nelson was prosecuted was enacted to protect Black civil rights activists from physical attack by the Ku Klux Klan. It was passed after it became apparent that local prosecutors in the southern states were not willing to prosecute KKK vigilantes and other racists, or for "fear of" or "sympathy." There is no special "civil right" to walk on a street free from violence. Being free from violence is the right of every person, no matter what their race or where they are walking. Calling it a "civil right" adds nothing to the arguments of civil rights activists for federal intervention after white racists were acquitted of violence against African Americans by biased state courts in the South and elsewhere.

When politics becomes the first priority, our Constitution and our law including, perhaps especially, those provisions designed to protect our civil rights are inevitably undermined.

"THE PLIGHT OF THE WORKING POOR"

destroy the lives of more than one hundred thousand women and children, in New York City alone, and the lives of several million families across America.

This "war on the poor" has also been launched to foster a fierce, uncompromising attitude toward the poor and low-wage workers, in the desperate search for work. William F. Hennings, Jr., a vice president of the Communication Workers of America Local 180 in New York City, states that, "this is going to create intense competition for jobs that don't exist, especially at the low-wage level. What this is an impetus toward a subminimum wage." These government programs are currently designed are clearly inadequate to address the needs of the working poor. What will happen when the new five-year limit for welfare eligibility takes effect? What will happen of unprepared unemployed men and people forced to leave the labor force?

Perhaps the larger question to be answered is is there a crisis of jobs for low income working people? Part of the fault lies in the deliberately destructive policies of the corporations, which in recent years have destroyed or exported millions of higher-paying jobs in steel, auto, tire and chemical industries. The new jobs created in the 1980s and 1990s often had limited fringe benefits and poor health care coverage. One 1996 study by researchers at the University of Massachusetts Boston found that the overall percentage of blacks covered by private pension plans has fallen from 45 percent in 1979 to only 34 percent in 1993, while pension coverage for Latinos has dropped from 38 percent to 25 percent. Even for whites, only 45 percent currently have private pension coverage. At a time when Social Security benefits seem uncertain, millions of older low income Americans may soon face economic disaster.

The only long-term solution to the crisis of the working poor is to fight for a comprehensive agenda for jobs and

justice. Politically, we must support massive public works legislation, where millions of working people could be hired to provide services and to rebuild our cities. We should be training people to provide child care for working parents, health care, support services for the elderly, improving our schools and making our communities safe and drug-free.

We should outwork welfare and replace it with real jobs at living wages. We need to cut corporate welfare and tax abatements, replacing them with policies that provide capital and assis-

tance to smaller businesses and community-based nonprofits and worker self-managed companies.

As long as trade unionists, the working poor, and people on public assistance are forced to compete against each other, nothing will ever change. We must assert every person's right to a job or guaranteed minimum income for those who cannot work. The solution to the crisis of the working poor is the pursuit of the fight for jobs and justice.

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CHANEYFIELD CALLS FOR ZERO-BASED ANALYSIS OF CITY BUDGET

At-Large Council Member urges end to "Sacred Cows"

NEWARK—Council Member At-Large Gayle Chaneyfield will inform Mayor Sharpe James that the City Council intends to require a zero-based analysis for the entire municipal budget, starting with the 1997 budget. In the zero-based budgeting process, every proposed expenditure must be justified every year, instead of assuming that it is necessary.

"There can be no 'sacred cows' in the city's budget," Chaneyfield said. "Everything must be examined anew to make sure it is integral to the function of government. The Council will assert its obligation and responsibility to control the budget. We can not allow outside forces to manipulate spending. We will expect a full rationale for every expenditure in writing and in advance of our budget hearings. No expenditure will escape close and demanding scrutiny."

The City Council has already announced that it will reduce its own budget for travel, meals and other such expenses by 50% in the forthcoming budget. The Council also has committed to forcing "substantial" reductions in the Mayor's budget proposals, and to reducing the budgets of the City Council and the City Clerk by the same percentage imposed on the administration.

"The Council fully intends to fulfill its role as a fiscal watchdog of the people by, first, setting an example by reducing its own budget and, second, demanding justification even for what used to be considered the 'untouchable' programs."

Chaneyfield said that she doesn't expect the mayor to be at odds with zero-based analysis. "We are all committed to fiscal reform. Now we have to be equally committed to working together," she explained.

STUDY FINDS EDUCATIONAL DISPARITY BETWEEN BLACK MEN, WOMEN

In a report on the status of Blacks in post-secondary

education, coordinated by the College Fund (formerly the United Negro College Fund), some striking results have been revealed. Most notably is the fact that Black women continue to surpass the number of Black men who attend college. While in 1976, Black women were 10 percent more likely than Black men to attend college, today they are nearly 25 percent more likely to do so. Additionally, they are earning college degrees at twice the rate of Black men. The report documents that since the 1970s the number of Black women earning undergraduate degrees has increased by 55 percent while the number of Black men increased by 20 percent. And, as the number of Black women earning master's degrees, for the same time period, has increased by five percent, Black men have dropped by 10 percent. The report, which relied on data available at the Department of Education and other studies, concluded that while today's Black students fair better than students of a generation ago, their numbers do not mirror the African-American share of the population or reflect parity with white students. While 21 percent of whites between the ages of 25 and 60 have a bachelor's degree only 14 percent of Blacks have earned the same. Researchers also found the Black students still drop out of college more frequently than whites. They also discovered that Black students relied more heavily on financial aid, and this may in part be explained by the fact that nearly one-third of Black college

Whitman applauded for additional school funds



Governor Whitman talks to parents, teachers, students, and reporters as she visited the Madison Ave. School in Newark. Mayor Sharpe James, Superintendent Beverly L. Hall, Donald Mann from Prudential, Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz, and Rev. Dixon from the Beulah Baptist Church took on.

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

NEWARK—Christie Whitman visited the Madison Ave. School Thursday, where local parents, educators, parents, clergy and others lauded her for providing an additional \$26 million to this year's school budget.

The Governor, along with Mayor Sharpe James, Superintendent Dr. Beverly L. Hall, and Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz visited classrooms and spoke with children before and during a conference in the school library, where James, Hall, and others applauded her for the money's in special state-operated district funds. The money will go to specific programs that assist in reforming the education system in Newark. Also in attendance were Rev. Dr. Robert Hollenback, the Rev. Gerald Dickson, both of the Black Ministers Council, State Senator and Newark Councilman Ronald Rice, and a group of parents and community leaders.

Adrienne Hollenback, a parent volunteer who spoke at the conference, is also happy about the additional money, and says it would be put to good use. She also says there are things parents can do to help out, such as volunteering as she does in Madison. "If more parents volunteer in these schools and help these principals and teachers out, we will be just fine," she said.

Rev. Dr. Christopher Todd Whitman bringing good news, but she has been a role model, she's been a friend," Mayor James told a group of students gathered at the conference. "She is someone who cares about young people, someone who cares about our urban school district's, someone who cares about you." He also reflected on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s visit to his old alma mater, South Side High School (now Malcolm X Shabazz) twenty-nine years ago this month, when he told kids to "learn, baby, learn, so you can earn, baby, earn."

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deserves credit for involving the community in the implementation of her reform plan and for making sure I am aware of the concerns of Newark residents."

Whitman also spoke directly to the children as she addressed the community, explaining to them the importance of the additional funding. "What's happening here in Newark isn't necessarily easy to do, turnarounds don't come overnight," Whitman said, "but all of you should understand...how very important you are in the fact that everything that is happening, all the changes that have been made...are to give you the opportunity to have a meaningful learning experience that will give you the tools to 'earn, baby, earn'."

"I feel great, fantastic!" exclaimed Christine Carter-Bettis, principal of Malcolm X Shabazz. She received accolades for her work in Newark, and said more, but at least this is something to start with. Our children can achieve what many other children can achieve given the resources, so this is a plus today."

Dr. Hall is also very optimistic about the future, saying the money will help fund teacher training and assistance. "They're working real hard," she said. "We have to really show them different approaches...how to get children engaged in learning, hands-on learning. To blame them for not doing it is unfair, because they were never trained to do that."

Although the \$26 million is welcome, even those who commended Whitman today still want to see an effort made for equal funding in the school system. Rev. Reginald Jackson, who is also an opponent of the charter school system was among those concerned. "I had a problem with the legislation the assembly passed last week, and what will be overturned," he said, "but I think the \$26 million is a good move."

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to whatever truth they want to believe, but the rest of us know the truth," he continued.

Bishop William Cahoon of the Gardner State Jurisdiction, Church of God in Christ, says the anger towards Giles is indicative of the racial climate in New Jersey, and what should be fought. "We're supposed to be dealing with Christian people," he said. "God does not see color. This is not a Christian spirit at all."

Rev. Msgr. William J. Linder, Pastor of the St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newark, and head of the Newark Catholic Diocese, said, "It's a terrible, terrible God who would do this to us." In regards to the two death threats he has received, his feeling is also one of positivity. "Let's say I am performing and someone carries out their threat," he said. "I can't think of a better time to die, portraying Christ at all."

Being a Christian helps put it all in a good perspective. When asked about Howard Stern's support he simply said, "It's a good show, it's what God created it to be."

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The issue has also sparked a discussion on the issue of Christ's ethnicity. The Rev. Reginald Jackson of Orange's St. Matthew's AME Church pointed out that Jesus was "biblically and historically" a man of color. "Frankly those who have a problem with black people playing the role of Jesus don't want to be true to the historical record."

"The (opposing) response to (a black man playing Christ) is ludicrous," said Rev. Calvin McKinney of the General Baptist Convention. "It shows that there are a lot of people who are not familiar with history. When Herod was trying to kill Jesus, Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt. How did you hide a white child in Egypt?"

"Whatever satisfies (the detractors), let them go ahead and portray Christ nationwide!"

LOCAL

Vice President Gore offers high praise for Congressman Donald Payne gala



Congressman Donald Payne

Newark, NJ—vice president al gore has high praise for New Jersey's 10th district congressman, Donald m. Payne, in a letter written to Payne on February 26, written in conjunction with the tribute and celebration honoring Congressman Payne on March 15, the vice president said, "You have made valuable contributions to the Congressional Black Caucus, the United States House of Representatives, and our nation. You have played an integral part in establishing national literacy programs, and your continual attention to the AIDS epidemic, tuberculosis, and the impact of incarceration on public health." Vice President Gore added, "certainly you are most deserving of our recognition for your tremendous accomplishments." Vice President Gore's letter will be included in a souvenir journal which will be presented to Congressman Payne at the celebration.

Former Senator Bill Bradley and former Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary have joined Congressman Charles Bass, House Belmond and David Dickinson to honor Payne as co-chairs of a gala honoring Payne for his 40 years of community and public service.

The formal dinner dance is being held on Saturday, March 15, 1997 at the Meadows Hilton Hotel in Seacaucus, New Jersey. The contribution is \$150 a person.

Coalition announces "Party without a permit" to challenge law

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ—The Coalition Against the Party Permit Law held a press conference in the Rutgers University Student Center to announce plans to hold a "Party Without a Permit" April 16 on the steps of Rutgers' Brower Commons. This will be in response to a recent ordinance passed by the City Council which requires that organizations file for a permit before holding a gathering of fifty people or more if any money or gifts are solicited. Violators of the ordinance will be subject to steep fines and jail time. The Coalition claims that the ordinance was imposed to control certain groups and organizations, and will be selectively enforced.

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If you have Spring fever, here's your chance to Spring-into-Spring early this year. The American Cancer Society (ACS), Essex Unit, is sponsoring its sixth annual "Daffodil Festival," fundraising event from now through March 21, 1997, in the City of Newark. All proceeds will go to benefit cancer research, treatment and other American Cancer Society resources. According to the American Cancer Society, as of 1996, there were about 45,100 new Cancer cases reported in the State of New Jersey.

One box of mini-daffodils (4 flowers with replantable stems) sells for \$7 and a box of 15 pots of daffodils sells for \$125. A bunch of 10 fresh cut flowers sells for \$5 and a half-bunch of 25 bunches for \$125. A box of 50 bunches costs for \$250. The "Gift of Hope" for \$9 is an anonymous gift which includes a bunch of daffodils in a special vase and will be delivered to a local Cancer patient in one of the Essex County Hospitals. All Daffodil Days orders will be distributed on March 17 through 22, 1997. For and information call (201)-733-8004.

Green bill encourages construction of multiple dwellings

TRENTON—The Assembly by a vote of 58-9 approved a measure that Assemblyman Jerry Green sponsored to encourage the construction of new multiple dwellings by extending an existing rent control exemption.

Green's measure (A-2379/S-1619) would extend the current exemption from rent control ordinances for newly constructed multiple dwellings. Currently, multiple dwellings are exempt from rent control while the initial mortgage loan is being repaid. However, this exemption is due to expire in 1997. The measure would permanently extend the exemption.

"Several thousand urban rental units have been built or planned because of the state's decade-old rent control exemption," said Green. "One developer has told me that the exemption has been instrumental for building more than 3,500 units over the last decade. The measure, now heads to the Governor for consideration."

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NEW BRUNSWICK—Free public seminar on bankruptcy law at the New Jersey Law Center. For more information, call 908-937-7518.

NEW YORK—Small, minority and women-owned business conference for contractors seeking opportunities under HUD programs throughout the New York Metropolitan area. Morris Hattan Center and the Fashion Institute of Technology. For more information, call 212-264-8000.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

SCOTCH PLAINS—Workshop, "How to Reel in the Scotch Plaid Laundry." 7:15 p.m. at the Scotch Plaid Laundry. For more information, call Renee Gushik or Steve Gushik, 1-800-347-5018.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on navigating through the "Medicare-Medicaid Maze" at the New Jersey Law Center. For more information, call 908-937-7518.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Luncheon, "Safety to Women Leaders," sponsored by the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. For more information, call 908-536-2141.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

JERSEY CITY—NJ Trane is sponsoring a seminar on minority firms of contractors for building the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line. It will be held in the Student Union Building of Jersey City State College. For more information, call 908-937-9400.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners' Regional Business & Industry Expo. For more information, call 908-643-6668.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Summer, "What Everyone Should Know About Child Custody, Child Support and Grandparents Rights" at the New Jersey State Bar Association. For more information, call 908-937-7518.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

PHILADELPHIA—Delaware Valley Minority Business Resource Council General Meeting. For more information, call 215-893-9577.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

FAIRFIELD—Seminar, "Leadership-Development Course for Managers." For information, call 1-800-255-4141.

10 Entrepreneurial opportunities: What business will be hot in the next six months

By Pierre A. Clark

The dramatic economic restructuring of the last 10 years has forever altered the way wealth is created in this country. For example, according to Fortune magazine, 43 percent of the companies that were on the Fortune 500 list in the 1980s had dropped off the list and were out of business in 1995. The development of new technologies—microchips, desktop computers and cellular communication technology—stimulated a wholesale transformation from a manufacturing-based to an information-driven economy. The result has been the creation of entire new industries and explosive growth in small business formation. Over 250,000 new businesses were started in 1995 alone. More of you than ever are starting your own small businesses. And most of you are wondering: Where will the high-profit enterprise opportunities emerge from in the next five years? And how can I create a business that taps those opportunities? Our research indicates that the following product/service sectors will grow high-profit businesses over the next six months to one year: (1) Technology—opportunities for computer and Internet companies that can apply new technology tools computers and software—to solve problems and create jobs; you'll discover a broad market for a variety of small businesses from computer programming to interactive media development. (2) Personal services: In an era where time is the most precious commodity, the list of potentially profitable services which you can offer as a service business is endless—among them are maid services, personal organizer/shopper/billpaying service,

housekeeper, dog groomer, and carpet cleaner. (3) Small products manufacturing: Many people are building multimillion-dollar businesses from producing items that are unique, useful and attractive. Arts and crafts, microbrewed beers, gift baskets, greeting cards and bootfests are just some of the products in high-demand by consumers demanding uniqueness and high-quality. (4) Telecommunications: Four trends—the decade-long deregulation of the telecommunications industry, the distribution of high-speed telephone lines, the Internet's sprawling growth, and the proliferation of cellular telephones—are driving the creation of new telecommunications firms and businesses based on these services. (5) Training/education: The \$30 billion market for training services will only grow because (1) Technology breakthroughs are occurring in training; (2) The average worker will change jobs five to six times in his/her working lifetime, and (3) Most workers lack even basic technology skills. (6) Home entertainment: Consumers are demanding more, not fewer, home entertain-

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Nike, 100 Black Men Unite for Youth

Nike and 100 Black Men of America Inc. (BMA) received a \$1 million gift to an African-American organization. The pair have created a far-reaching strategic alliance that includes a \$3 million contribution from Nike in cash, goods and services to support youth programs of BMA's 58 chapters throughout the United States. "Nike is proud of its unwavering commitment to youth," said company president Tom Clarke. "This latest effort only serves to underscore the value we place on excellence and achievement both and of the Field of Play."

The new partnership with Nike will provide funding over three years for these mentor programs, while expanding the opportunities through Nike's diverse business resources. The 100 Black Men is sending several young adults to participate in Nike's summer internship program and Nike management will provide expertise to 100 Black Men chapters in the areas of advertising, human resources and marketing. "This is an important milestone in our long and meaningful friendship with Nike," said Thomas W. Dorich Jr., president of 100 Black Men of America, Inc.

UCECD signs three-year agreement with US Department of Defense

Workforce Development Conference set for March 27

The New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP and the National Business League of New Jersey/Financial Consortium will sponsor "Workforce Development," a conference scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 1997. It is being held at the Richard Stockton College's Townsend Residential Life Center at Pomona New Jersey.

The conference will be a leadership and planning conference for workforce development. It is unique because it will produce a substantial report outlining, seldom discussed,

elements of needed cultural perspective within workforce development, the role of technology as an Affirmative Action vehicle and strategies for collective understanding and action. Governor Christie Whitman has been invited to serve as the luncheon speaker. The Conference Keynote's speaker will be Arthur Fletcher, the former Chairman of the US Civil Rights Commission.

For more on the conference, information, call 609-632-0532.



Union County Economic Development Corporation, Department of Defense and Board of Chosen Freeholders sign agreement

The Union County Economic Development Corporation held a meeting with the U.S. Department of Defense and Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to finalize a funding agreement for its Procurement Assistant Program, earlier this month.

Under the agreements, the Department of Defense will provide matching funds totaling \$130,000 to the Union County Economic Development Corporation. The agreement includes a commitment of three years (one base

year and two option years).

Based on the past success of the program with the Corporation, the Department of Defense chose to renew the agreement. It is the first time a commitment longer than one year will be in effect.

Sixty thousand dollars in matching funds will also be provided by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Union County Economic Development Corporation covers the rest of the costs associated with running the program.

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Black Americans can no longer tolerate a "double standard" treatment of Black African Nations by the United States Government. If Jewish Americans can stand up for Israel we can stand up for Africa. Now is the time to let President Clinton know that we African-Americans respectfully recommend responsible engagement with Nigeria and oppose isolation and economic sanctions.

Let us all sign the Petition For Fairness To Nigeria, we will see that they reach the White House during Black Press Week, March 19 - 22, 1997.

NATIONAL COALITION FOR FAIRNESS TO NIGERIA -PETITION DRIVE-

The National Coalition for Fairness to Nigeria was formed in November 1995. The purpose of the organization is to encourage open and objective dialogue among those who write and implement America's foreign policy and to advocate fairness toward Nigeria.

Whereas Nigeria held local non party elections in March 1996, when 60% of the people voted.
Whereas Nigeria is holding local party elections in March 1997.
Whereas Nigeria is scheduled to elect State Governors in the Fall of 1997.
Whereas Nigeria is planning for a Presidential Election in 1998 to transfer power from military to civilian government.
Whereas The Black Press of America monitored the elections in March 1996 and March 1997 and will monitor the 1998 Presidential Election.
Whereas Nigeria has demonstrated its support of the United Nations Peacekeeping efforts in the Congo, India, Pakistan, Lebanon, Bosnia, Angola, Somalia, Rwanda, and Liberia and paid all cost for its Liberian Peacekeeping Operations of 7,000 Nigerian troops and
Whereas Nigeria has been a stabilizing influence in West Africa and provided leadership on the African continent by supporting Freedom Fighters in Namibia, South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and reconciliation in Angola and
Whereas Nigeria has been a reliable and loyal supplier of petroleum to America and has 100 million population that would suffer hardships from the destabilizing effect of economic sanctions.

We, the undersigned do petition President Clinton to lift diplomatic sanctions and reject appeals to impose economic sanctions on Nigeria and to adopt and accept recommendations for a policy of responsible engagement and a FAIRNESS DOCTRINE to help Nigeria as we are helping Israel and the PLO resolve the crisis of the Middle East and promoting a peace process in Bosnia with the Dayton Agreement.

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THROUGH MARCH 31

MONTCLAIR—Exhibit in honor of Black History Month at the Israel Crime House. For more information, call 1-800-JER-SEY7.

THROUGH APRIL 25

NEW YORK—An International Foreign Film Festival featuring film showings and a workshop will be held at William Paterson College. Admission free. For more information, call 212-572-7379.

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WAYNE—An International Foreign Film Festival featuring film showings and a workshop will be held at William Paterson College. Admission free. For more information, call 212-572-7379.

THROUGH MARCH 27

COLTS NECK—“Inn the Now” a “school” experience for youngsters ages 3 to 5. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Dobrook Center. For more information, call 908-842-4000.

MARCH 15

MOUNTAINSDALE—“Super Science Discovery Days” for children ages 3-8. Part of the 11th annual Science Fair, Trailside’s Nature & Science Center, Colegate Ave. & New Providence Rd. For more information, call 908-769-3670.

ORANGE—The Jazz Institute of New Brunswick presents “Jazz for the Next Generation” of jazz performances at the Peppermint Entertainment Complex. For more information, call 908-214-0113.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

WESTBURY—“Dickt Fox’s Doo Wop Extra—vagabond” featuring The Black and White Chorus, Chazzman Henry, and more. At Westbury Music Fair, Brush Hollow Rd. For information and tickets, call 516-334-0800.

CARFORD—Carlyon Dorfman Dance Company performs a dance-theater show, DANCE/STORIES at the Union County Arts Center. For more information, call 908-493-8228.

NEWARK—Rally and Book Party for Mumia Abu-Jamal at ALJRA. For more information, call 201-482-1771.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

BROOKLYN—Women Celebrating Women’s Fifth Annual Awards Presentation sponsored by the Friends of Una Clarke, At Africa House. For more information, call 718-255-4900. NEWARK—Recital with Marilyn Horne Symphony Hall. For more information, call 908-000-JERSEY7.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

WATCHING—“Voices of the Swing Era” at the Jersey City Center. For more information, call 908-753-0190.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

PASSAIC—Passaic Chapter NAACP sponsors the “Men Who Cook” fundraiser. At the Ukrainian Center. For more information, call 201-779-4884.

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Amiri Baraka tells his story



CHICAGO, IL—Poet, dramatist, novelist, critic, teacher, political activist and literary legend, Amiri Baraka (aka LeRoi Jones), is one of America's most vital and original authors. The new publication of The Autobiography of LeRoi Jones (Lawrence Hill Books, February 1997) brings to life his story of a life lived without any editorial censure or self-censorship published in 1984. Under the careful direction of the author, the text

has been restored to its original form, making this the first publication of the original, unexpurgated text. In addition, it has a new introduction by the author that reveals much about his involvement with socialism and his tumultuous relationships with his current and exwives.

From his role as a driving force in the sixties Black Arts Movement to his controversial novels that introduce socialism and Islam, his story is

at the center of the drama of contemporary America. What he has to say may shock and offend some, especially “the oppressor nation, White America,” but, finally, he is saying it in his own way. However controversial his story may be, it still illuminates and challenges the stereotypes and prejudices of many Americans while giving us a fresh look at ourselves.

Born Leroy Jones in 1934, Baraka has been and remains a major influence on African-American art and culture. In this candid autobiography, Baraka recounts his experiences that led him to change African-American literature, from his participation in avant-garde literature after World War II to his role in black nationalism after the assassination of Malcolm X to his conversion to Islam and his commitment to an international socialist vision.

Baraka has written 24 plays, two novels, seven works of nonfiction, and books of poetry. He was for many years a professor of African studies at SUNY, Stony Brook. In 1987, he received the American Book Award for Lifetime Achievement. He lives in Newark, New Jersey.

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Wedding Dance is a hip-hop comedy



Theera Ward (in wheelchair) who plays Gayle in Dominic Taylor's "Wedding Dance" playing at Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick through March 30, 1997 get in the mood for the wedding as daughter Bessie, played by LaToya Holmes looks on. "Wedding Dance is set on the South side of Chicago and its plot is seen in motion when "wannabes" hustlers, Chuck and Ab try to solve their money problems by mugging a defenseless woman, Gayle.

is this: in a harsher economic climate, the options in love are limited. And what happens is that I took this young sis and her young brother, I set them loose in a play world and they took on their own life."

Taylor, a native of Orange, New Jersey, has been writing plays professionally for ten years and his plays have been seen in readings and workshops at such theaters: Chicago Dramatists Workshop, Seattle's group Theatre, and the Joseph Papp Public Theatre.

Regular performances for "Wedding Dance" are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8:00p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 3p.m. and Thursday matinees at 11a.m.

Rapper slain

Continued from page 1

before impounding the vehicle.

A security guard working at a high-rise across the street said the sound of gunfire was unmistakable.

“All of the sudden, I heard about five or six shots. Pow, pow, pow, pow,” Robert Payne said.

Payne heard people screaming and saw some passengers of a dark green vehicle jump out and then jump back in before speeding away. The same vehicle was driving erratically right before the shooting, he said.

He said he had no idea his original perp was around, but he was making much of his past as an ex-crack dealer from Boston-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, one of New York’s toughest neighborhoods.

His debut album “Ready to Die” went platinum, selling more than 1 million copies. His upcoming album, due out March 25, is titled “Life After Death ... ‘Til Death Do Us Part.”

The rapper worked with Bad Boy Entertainment run by East Coast producer Sean “Puffy” Combs.

“We are overwhelmed with grief

by the death of a great artist, a family member and our friend, the Notorious B.I.G.,” the company said in a statement.

The shooting came six months and one day after Shakur was shot in a drive-by attack in Las Vegas as he rode in a car with Death Row Records president Marion “Suge” Knight. Shakur died six days later.

Wallace was considered a rival of Shakur who had accused him of involvement in a 1994 robbery when Shakur was shot several times and lost \$100,000 in jewelry.

Wallace, who denied any involvement, was conspicuously absent from a high-profile “rap summit” in New York’s Harlem neighborhood last fall called to ease tensions between West Coast and East Coast rappers after Shakur’s slaying.

Wallace most recently lived in Teaneck, New Jersey, in a gated community outside New York City where most residents were reluctant to comment on his death Sunday. But one girl who used to live near Wallace remembered him well.

Spike Lee in production deal with Columbia picture

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Filmmaker Spike Lee is going biocastal.

Lee (“Malcolm X,” “Do the Right Thing”) has made a production deal with Columbia Pictures, the studio said Friday. Lee will keep an office on Columbia’s suburban Culver City lot in addition to his New York office.

“The first job I ever had in the film

industry was an eight-week internship at Columbia Pictures straight out of Morehouse College. It feels great to be back,” Lee said.

Lee’s most recent film, “Get on the Bus,” was from Columbia. His long-term, “first-look” deal with Columbia calls for him to write, direct and produce movies for the studio.

Film festival takes poverty eradication as theme

By Brahim Ouadraogo
Associated Press Writer

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP)—The 28th annual Pan-African Festival of Film and Television has turned its attention this year on Africa’s poor filmmakers, journalists and movie buffs have gathered to view some 150 films in this city of 10,000, adobe dwellings awash in the same bright color of the surrounding red desert.

For the first time, the United Nations is taking part in the festival, hosting a round-table discussion on the region’s endemic poverty.

“I call upon individuals who care about justice and human dignity to join the global campaign to eradicate poverty,” James Gustave Speth, administrator of the United Nations Development Program, said when the weeklong festival kicked off last Saturday.

“We have the know-how, we have the resources. Today, we need the commitment,” he said.

The film festival is held in Tunis, Tunisia, in even years and in Ouagadougou in odd ones.

Burkina Faso, a former French colony once called Upper Volta, is landlocked between the Sahara Desert and tropical West Africa. It is one of the world’s poorest countries.

UNDP officials said they hoped to expand their partnership with filmmakers by encouraging film projects that focus on poverty.

“Hunger experienced today is the fault of very short-sighted leaders who are interested in ... implanting themselves permanently in power and who do not allow people to participate in decisions concerning their own destiny,” said Wole Soyinka, the Nobel Prize-winning author from Nigeria.

Soyinka, who spoke at the round-table discussion, fled his country three years ago after learning that authorities planned to arrest him for speaking out against Nigeria’s military regime.

Many of the filmmakers are attempting to find a commercial market for their work, hoping to woo buyers from Europe. The are also vying for the coveted Stallion of Yennenga award, a sort of Best Picture Oscar for Africa.

Milton Craig Nealy in Miss Saigon

Milton Craig Nealy has assumed the role of ‘John’ in the Cameron Mackintosh production of Miss Saigon. Nealy joins the Broadway company after having played the role in both the London and Australian productions of Miss Saigon. Prior to his international success in Miss Saigon, Nealy appeared on Broadway as ‘Four-Eyed Moe’ in Five Guys Named Moe; ‘Agwe, God of Water’ in Once on This Island, with Jennifer Holiday in Dreamgirls & Sing, Mahalia, Sing; in the Broadway and European companies of Ain’t Misbehavin’, and as ‘Judas’ in the 20th Anniversary production of Jesus Christ Superstar.

Now in its sixth year on Broadway, Miss Saigon tells the tragic story of love and self-sacrifice involving a young Vietnamese girl

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Trials and Tribulations Are A Part of Living

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

During the course of our lives, each one of us will encounter a myriad of circumstances and situations which will severely test our mettle. It is one thing for things to unravel because we failed to adequately plan or to consider the consequences of our actions, but it is another to be forced to grapple with circumstances beyond our control. Often we ask "why me?" as if we are the only one on planet earth who is going through difficulty.

A wise teacher once said, "in this world you will have tribulation..." He advised his listeners to "be of good courage." When we are facing tragedy or going through the fires of life, it is often difficult to be of good courage if we think we are all alone or ill-equipped to handle the vicissitudes of life. Therein lies the key to dealing with life's trials and tribulations... "all knowing you are not alone and that you are fully equipped by the Creator to deal effectively with whatever comes your way. This is not to say everything will be pleasant, but you will be able to cope because you are not alone!"

While it may appear that others rarely experience the pain and suffering you encounter, no human is immune to the storms of life. All of us will experience our share of disappointment, heartache, loss of loved ones, or failure of plans or dreams to come true. We are not alone, however, when you are faced with such a situation you have the opportunity to make a crucial decision. You will have to decide how you will view and respond to it. Will you choose to see it as an overwhelming defeat, a problem that you are incapable of han-

dling? Or will you view it as a temporary condition? - a lesson along life's way, one that will not destroy you or cripple you? Will you look at the situation as a catalyst to develop your ingenuity and competence? Will you ask yourself "what lesson(s) can I learn from this experience? What can I discover about myself?"

The good news is that you are never alone in any situation. Divine Intelligence is always ready willing and able to come to your aid and assistance. To contact the divinity within simply turn your consciousness inward. Get quiet, still your mind, close out the outside world. Listen in the stillness for Divine Wisdom to speak to your deepest needs. The strength, resolve and courage you need to transmute whatever crisis is before you, are within you.

The wisdom, guidance and intelligence you need to sustain you is closer than your skin. The resourcefulness you need to find a solution to any way out of whatever is within you.

The solutions you may need come to you in a dream or as a flash of insight, a hunch or an idea that seems to pop into your consciousness out of nowhere. The right person or persons may come into your life at just the "right" time to provide the needed services support or help. These things will not be coincidences, they will be the channels Omnipotence uses to meet your needs, answer your prayers and help you solve your problems.

Keep an open and receptive mind. Expect things to work out for your highest good and for the good of all concern. Give thanks, even in the midst of adversity for this is an opportunity for personal growth, expansion and maturity. Turn the situation com-

pletely over to the omnipotent and omniscient spirit that dwells within you. Keep in mind that faith is not passive. It requires confidence and courage. It takes courage to remain patient in the face of seeming disaster. It takes strong faith to remain confident in the face of world signs pointing to divine annihilation. It takes a powerful will not to cave in, in the midst of agony, or suffering.

Muster your inner resources, never give up on yourself. Be prepared to do whatever it takes to resolve the situation. Follow your hunches and flashes of intuition; they are guides posts along life's way. Life can be difficult, but there is a way. Be of good courage. The Divine I Am in the midst of you is mighty.

Long Branch church holds Black History service

by Avery Grand

LONG BRANCH—Rev. Elmer Ray Jackson, in African garb, was the guest preacher for the Black History Month service at Saint Luke's United Methodist Church in Long Branch. Rev. Jackson is the executive director of the Count Basie Learning Center in Red Bank. As the church's first director he transformed a condemned tavern in a troubled neighborhood into a modern educational center. His education "to create an opportunity for our children and a place where their dreams can become reality." As a former Marine jet fighter pilot from 1971 to 1978, he was one of only four black aviators in the United States Marine Corps. Later he became a contractor for training Navy and Marine jet pilots.

A Lesson On Raising Moral Children

By Marlyn Wright Edelman

Pulitzer prize-winning author Robert Coles, who has written dozens of important works about children, including Children in Crisis and The Spiritual Life of Children, has presented us with yet another exemplary gift, his book, *The Moral Intelligence of Children*. Coles helps us think about a question that we, as parents, teachers, and community members struggle with daily—How do we help children grow up to be kind and moral?

When I was growing up, my parents, grandparents, neighbors, teachers, and ministers never hesitated to point out the differences between good and bad behavior. Adults were not afraid to teach moral lessons, and we understood the importance of learning them. Robert Coles reminds us that these lessons are relevant in today's society, and are crucial to rebuilding the moral fabric of our communities

and raising children to understand the value of caring for others.

This book illustrates that children learn by example, and they understand the difference between words and deeds. As a 13-year-old boy in The Moral Intelligence of Children explains, "You should be out there to think about it, what you believe is right, is good, and not just talking it up." The boy says he learned this idea from his dad.

In addition to living our values, we must also talk to our children about moral choices, interacting with them at their level about how we should treat others. The reader is offered examples of how to teach these lessons at every stage of a child's development. The mother of a 7-year-old boy is praised for gently showing her son that he should hand her bank bottle rather than drop it on the floor. The author suggests that the parents and teacher of a 9-year-old girl caught cheating and taunting her

classmates with the success of her deception might engage in a direct conversation about good behavior, even if they chose not to punish her. Finally, he explains how adolescents facing the pressures of drugs and premature sexual activity may require our moral guidance for their very survival.

Dr. Coles also reminds us that we must listen to our children and let them explain their behavior. We should not always assume we can judge their moral character by appearances alone. He tells us about a boy who bullied other children into doing what he wanted. In many ways, he appeared to be a "bad" child. So when Dr. Coles interviewed the boy, he asked him what he thought it meant to be a good person. The boy said, "someone who gets the job done, who provides for his family, who isn't afraid to get what he wants." Although this boy's tactics needed modification, he actually was behaving according to his values of strength and wisdom, and him as a failure.

Our children face moral decisions every day. Not only do they need our guidance, but they want to talk to us about these issues. Dr. Coles recounts that, upon hearing a fairytale about a girl who gives up ownership of the stars to share them with other children, a group of 10-year-olds launched into a lively talk about the value of generosity. They asked to take copies of the story home so their mothers and fathers could read it with them. They began to talk about possessions they might share with other less fortunate children. This kind of discussion sparked a new perspective on the meaning of goodness in their parents.

Moral intelligence, Dr. Coles says, is about how "smart" a child is in relating to others. Children who are developing morally are considerate. They can put themselves in someone else's shoes. But children who act selfishly—who will hurt others to get what they want—may lack the sense of right and wrong they will need to be kind-hearted adults, he says. Through stories and anecdotes, this fine book shows us how even very young children exhibit these morality differences and advises us that we must begin to address the issues of good and bad behavior early if we hope to raise moral children.



Pictured above (l-r) are: member Paula Jackson, visitor Mary McCarty, member Annie Grant, Rev. Jackson's wife, Doris, Rev. Jackson, visitor Ruth Bogle, and caterer Jerome Turner. Committee members prepared some of their personal ethnic specialties, and Caterer Turner prepared a meal of baked ham, blackeyed peas and rice, collard greens and cornbread. During the service Danielle Drakes and Danielle Popular of the Long Branch High School Westwood Players presented a vignette from Alice Walker's "Everyday Use."

Black leaders leery of right-to-die movement

DETROIT—The right-to-die movement has relatively little support among black leaders, some of whom distrust the motives of the cause's supporters.

Much of the distrust is rooted in the perception that blacks already receive inferior medical care, experts and community leaders told the Detroit Free Press in a report published Wednesday.

"There is a lot of suspicion," said Annette Dula, a Colorado research associate who examines bioethical issues. "People know they don't get the health care they need while they're living. So what makes them think anything's going to be more sensitive when they're dying?"

The Rev. Martin Perkins of Greater Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit said there exists "a sort of a paranoia... that, if assisted suicide becomes legal, then lawmakers will somehow find a way to manipulate the law... to when African Americans are, to a greater extent than anybody else, receiving less medical care and are often more eliminated."

Blacks are more likely than whites to demand aggressive medical treatment, including life support, and are less likely to support the right to die, according to two surveys cited by the Free Press.

A 1993 University of Miami survey of 139 patients at clinics in this city, including 51 blacks, found 61 percent of whites and 36 percent of blacks said they had discussed suicide. Fifty percent of whites and 20 percent of blacks said they would want such help for themselves.

A 1996 study of 206 cancer patients in North Carolina, including 92 blacks, found that 27 percent of blacks and 6 percent of whites would want to receive intensive care. Fifteen percent of blacks and 5 percent of whites would want to be kept alive on a respirator, that study showed.

Perhaps the best-known advocate of assisted suicide, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, has acknowledged attending at least 45 terminally ill patients in North Carolina. None were of black patients.

"There are huge discrepancies in what people want," said Dr. Elizabeth McKinley, an ethics researcher at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine in Cleveland, who conducted the North Carolina study.

"This is a very weird and different medical environment where everybody's bent out of shape over what such end-of-life care costs," she said. "... And if we start making policy decisions about terminating care, if we start saying you can have things, I'm afraid people in the black community

will become even more vulnerable and mistreated."

Blacks might be more likely to embrace the right-to-die, "but they will do it on their own," said Rev. Jim Holley, pastor of Little Rock Baptist Church in Detroit.

"When you live with a survivor mentality, you have faith, you have hope, you have operate," Holley said. "There's always hope that the person's going to get better."

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to decide this spring whether doctors should be allowed to help people die. Seven former and current members of the U.S. House of Delegates on Civil Rights, including those who filed bills to ban the right to die, are urging that racial minorities, the poor and the disabled would be the first to feel pressure to die if assisted suicide were legal.

Mary Evans of San Francisco is one of two black members of the board of the Death with Dignity Education Center, a non-profit California organization that favors legalizing physician-assisted suicide.

"There's a big fear of genocide in our community, whether it's right or wrong," she said. "People in the black community see death with dignity as just another way for them to be offered."

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TRENTON—Governor Christine Whitman is seeking enthusiastic and energetic young people to become new members of the New Jersey Governor's Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

Initiated in 1996, YAC serves as the statewide youth advisory body to Governor Whitman by providing her and the Legislature with the youth perspective on community service and community-based problem solving. YAC members identify important social issues, create innovative service initiatives and, in doing so, become leaders in New Jersey's service movement. YAC provides both a forum to share ideas and the necessary training to make a significant social impact.

YAC is comprised of 25 young New Jersey residents, ages 12 to 22, who have diverse backgrounds and community service experience. One third of the Council will turn over this year. To receive a YAC Application, contact Michael Gowdy, Youth Coordinator in the Governor's Office of Volunteerism, at 1-800-286-6528. The deadline for submission of an application is March 21, 1997.

Public Defender claims on racism in death penalty verdicts

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—The Public Defender's Office is refuting a report filed by a reformed appeals judge which found no evidence of race bias in the death penalty verdict.

The office on Friday filed new legal briefs reasserting its claim that black murder defendants are indeed at greater risk than whites of getting the death penalty.

The brief also presents statistics indicating that killers whose victims are white are at greater risk of the death penalty than those whose victims are black, according to Public Defender Claudia Van Wyk.

The competing views will be hashed out in Supreme Court arguments March 18 on the death sentence for black convict Donald Loftin for the 1992 murder of a white gas station attendant in Lawrenceville.

Van Wyk said she is seeking to have Loftin's death sentence overruled because the state's death penalty has built in racial bias that puts blacks at greater risk of the death penalty than non-blacks. If the Supreme Court agrees, it could lead to dismissal of death sentences against other inmates on death row.

If the court acknowledges the race-bias problem to its fullest extent, the case could lead to a finding that New Jersey's capital punishment system is unconstitutional... something Van Wyk said the Public Defender's Office is not seeking right now.

The Supreme Court under the late Chief Justice Robert Wileman imposed many modifications on death penalty prosecutions after the law was reinstated in 1982, prompting appellate courts to reverse scores of death sentences, but the basic law was never struck down.

Wileman died in July and was replaced on the bench by Chief Justice Deborah Poritz, who as attorney general supported the death penalty law.

Retired Superior Court appeals judge Richard Cohen issued a report

on Jan. 28 concluding the statistics on prosecutions and convictions for death-penalty crimes with a death verdict showed no firm trend of race bias.

But Cohen also said his conclusion doesn't prove an absence of race bias. He said the overall statistics were simply inconclusive, perhaps because other aspects of the capital trial system, such as the weight given certain aggravating factors, are difficult to measure.

Cohen's analysis was ordered by the court to evaluate statistics the

Public Defender's Office had presented in a prior death penalty case of convict Joseph Harris, who died two days before Supreme Court arguments were scheduled, rendering them moot.

Van Wyk disagreed with Cohen on the weighing of aggravating factors. The public defender's study found race when measured with the other factors outweighed all of them.

"Judgment calls have to be made in designing these studies. We think our judgments were sound," Van Wyk

said. "Our first question is whether that system that produced the verdict in the past did so unequally, and we think it did."

Cohen used a survey of judges to dispute the public defender's interpretation. The Public Defender's Office's survey was fielded in 1994 and had a 40 percent response rate.

Cohen's report showed 50 convicted killers have been sentenced to death, yet only 11 are on death row now, five whites and six blacks.

Mayors tournament set for end of March

James announced that the "Mayor's Basketball Tournament" will take place from March 31 through April 4 at John F. Kennedy Recreation Center, 211 West Kinney Street (entrance on Broad Street). Only the first 10 teams to apply will be selected.

The event is open to Newark residents only. There will be two divisions, male and female, and three age categories: 9 through 14, 15 through 17, and 18 and over.

There is no fee required in the 9 through 14 and 15 through 17 categories.

However, there is an \$80 registration fee for those in the 18 and over category. The fee is refundable unless a team forfeits a game. "This basket-

ball tournament is an excellent opportunity for Newark citizens to demonstrate their athletic skills and have fun at the same time," James said. "The level of competitiveness at the tournament is high, and I hope the Newark community to support this tremendous yearly event."

Harold Wright and Miriam Santiago, DORCA special events coordinators, said all teams must have uniforms that are numbered on the front and back. The registration deadline for the Mayor's Basketball Tournament is March 24. Entry forms are available in the DORCA office (94 William Street, 2nd floor). For information, call 733-3749.

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Secretary Cuomo says it is too early to tell what Congress' response will be, but he feels that it is an uphill battle in a time when they are streamlining budgets. It is also a concern that most past contractors would not want to renew their contracts.

"You may have some who feel they can't afford the property for other uses and will rather go private," Cuomo said. "There is nothing to stop that."

Cuomo is making plans to prevent this from recurring in the future. Among the things he wants to do is rewrite the housing policy, draft shorter contracts and push for less density and less concentration of poor people in one place. Consistent with the workforce plan, Cuomo suggests 30,000 new vouchers to be used exclusively with the welfare to work program to help recipients to find homes in the areas they work, which would say will be away from the cities and into the suburbs.

Cuomo stresses that this is something everyone needs to be concerned about. "This is not a big city problem, not a northeast problem, this is a national problem," he said.

Diary sued for discriminating against black workers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Walt Disney Co. was sued in federal court by black hotel workers who claim they are discriminated against in hiring and promotions at Disney-owned hotels in Florida.

The class action filed Friday cites an internal report on minority hiring

that found the company hired fewer blacks and other minorities for managerial and supervisory positions than the number of qualified and available minority workers.

However, the number of minority workers in "menial" jobs, including laundry assistants and housekeep-

ers, is above average, the report found.

"We deny that categorically," said Tom Deegan, vice president of corporate communications for Disney.

Deegan refused to comment further on the case.

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fourth floor conference room where spectators were watching the proceedings on closed-circuit television. Venerino attempted to recover, saying that one no one should "cling blindly" to some notion of a "right to education" if the administration is closing the gap in parity, but while he places it at 4 percent, he is not the only one.

Attorney Sciarra was not given light treatment either, and the same group of spectators groused as Justice Marie Garibaldi took him to task, saying that she failed to understand how 100 percent funding parity will make a difference, and that even if the court rules for his side, the Law Center will be back in court. "The reason we hasn't been paid," he said. "While conceding that funding is not a 'magic bullet' that will solve all the education problems of the poorer districts, he also pointed out that has never been the feeling, and suggested that the right curriculum will have to be in place, monitored by the state education department. "It's going to require lots of things going on at once," he said. He also disagreed with Venerino's figure concerning the parity gap, saying it was "more like 10 percent."

Paul Trachtenberg, a 30-year veteran of the Newark school system, and a professor at the Rutgers Law School, also defended equal funding. He pointed out that Robinson v. Cahill (the original suit) was filed in 1970. This court rendered a decision on unconstitutionality in 1973, and since that time over a half million children went through the school system without the issue being resolved and therefore victims of a poor education system. "There are roughly 285,000 students currently in those districts, and I can only hope their fate will not be like the half million before them," Trachtenberg said. Standing beside the Richard J. Hughes Building were parents, teachers, and community activists made their displeasure known chanting "We want parity!" and "Christie Whitman's gotta go!" Many of the protesters came from Newark, whose school system has been taken over by the state due to mismanagement.

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Baraka considered laughable Whitman's appearance at New Brunswick's Paul Robeson Community School, in which she oversaw a model program for Project 2000, the program geared to inner city boys who are not attending grammar school.

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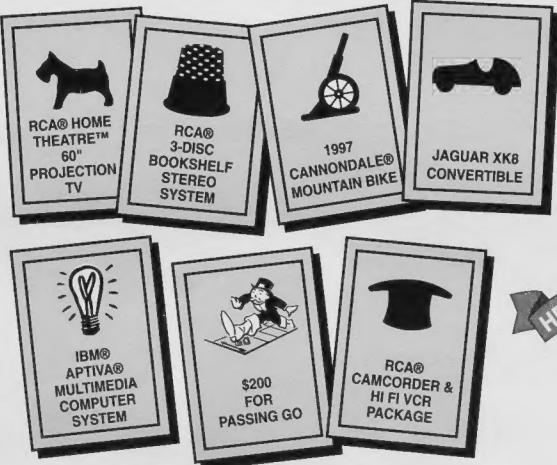
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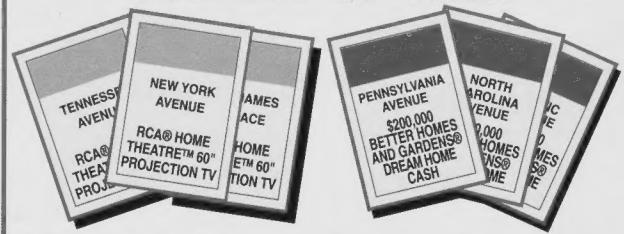


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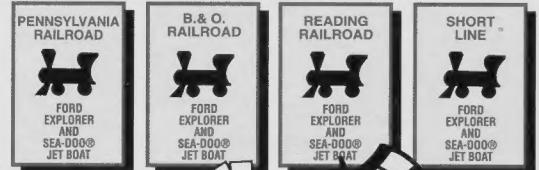
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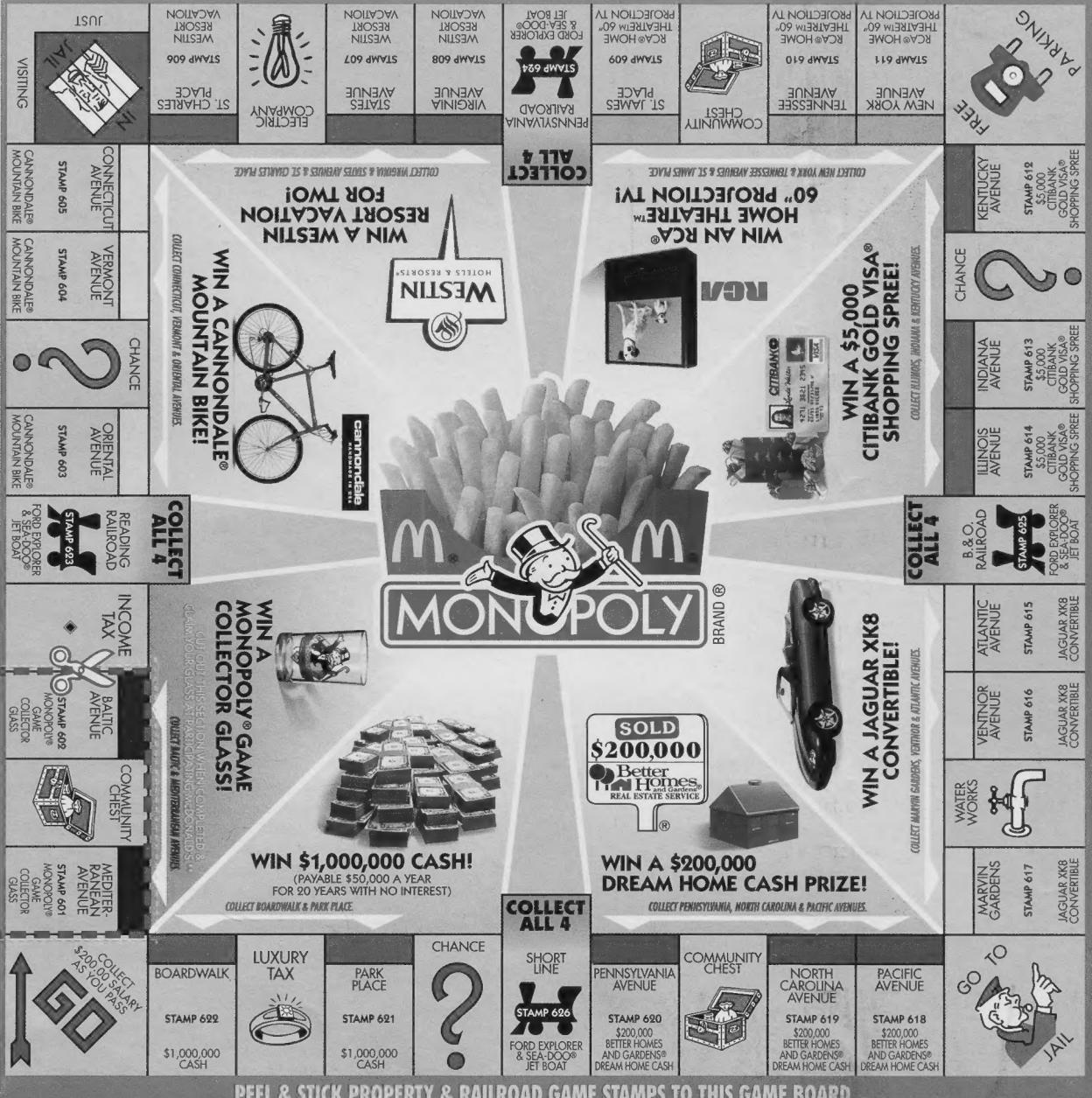


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